

Union Calendar No. 277

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5145

[Report No. 111–489]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the continuing professional education reimbursement provided to health professionals employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2010

Mr. MCNERNEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

MAY 20, 2010

Additional sponsors: Ms. BORDALLO and Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana

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and ordered to be printed

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Assuring Quality Care
5 for Veterans Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL**
7 **EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTH**
8 **PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED BY THE DEPART-**
9 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7411 of title 38, United
11 States Code, is amended—

12 (1) by striking “shall” and inserting “may”;

13 (2) by striking “board-certified physician or
14 dentist appointed under section 7401(1) of this
15 title” and inserting “health professional appointed
16 under paragraph (1) or (3) of section 7401 of this
17 title”;

18 (3) by striking “\$1,000” and inserting
19 “\$1,600”;

20 (4) by inserting “required to maintain licen-
21 sure” after “professional education”; and

22 (5) by adding at the end the following new sen-
23 tence: “No such health professional may receive re-
24 imbursement under this section and reimbursement
25 for the same expenses incurred for continuing pro-

1 fessional education provided by a Department med-
2 ical center.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

4 (1) SECTION HEADING.—The heading for such
5 section is amended to read as follows: “**Full-time**
6 **health professionals: reimbursement of**
7 **continuing professional education ex-**
8 **penses**”.

9 (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections
10 at the beginning of chapter 74 of such title is
11 amended by striking the item relating to section
12 7411 and inserting the following new item:

“7411. Full-time health professionals: reimbursement of continuing professional
education expenses.”.

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